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SUBJ: ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION SEEKING SUDANESE HELP ON ERITREA

1. FOREIGN MINISTER MANSOUR KHALID TOLD ME THIS MORNING THAT A HIGH LEVEL ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION LED BY MININFO MIKAEL IMRU ARRIVING LATER IN DAY FOR TALKS WITH GOS. KHALID OPINED DELEGATION WOULD PRESS NIMEIRI TO USE HIS INFLUENCE WITH ELF TO FOSTER COMPROMISE SOLUTION SHORT OF FULL INDEPENDENCE FOR ERITREA. I SAID I UNDERSTOOD NIMEIRI'S LAST EFFORT AT MEDIATION HAD BEEN FRUSTRATED BY ELF POSITION IN FAVOR FULL INDEPENDENCE (KHARTOUM 2703). ASSERTING CLAIM OF FULL INDEPENDENCE REPRESENTED "NEGOTIATION POSITION", KHALID SIAD HE DOUBTED WHETHER ERITREA COULD BE VIABLE STATE BY ITSELF. HE INDICATED NIMEIRI WOULD LISTEN CLOSELY TO WHAT ETHIOPIANS HAD TO SAY BUT SAID HE WAS UNCLEAR AS TO PRECISELY WHAT GOS MIGHT DO TO ASSIST IN SOLVING ERITREAN PROBLEM PRIOR FURTHER SERIOUS FIGHTING.

2. KHALID SAID HE UNDERSTOOD ELF STEPPING UP HOSTILITIES IN
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ERITREA AND NOTED FISSIPAROUS TENDENCIES PRESENT IN TIGRE AND

OTHER TRIBAL GROUPINGS. I TOLD FONMIN INDICATIONS AVAILABLE
TO US WERE THAT ELF CURRENTLY MARKING TIME TO SEE
WHETHER ETHIOPIANS INTEND MOUNT MAJOR MILITARY OPERATION AGAINST
THEM. WE NEVERTHELESSS WERE CONTINUEING WATCH SITUATION CLOSELY.
WHILE NEW APPOINTMENTS SUCH AS MINDEF AND FONMIN HAD BEEN ENCOUR-
AGING, OTHER SIGNS, SUCH AS MAOIST LINE IN PRESS, SEEMED DISTURBING.
KHALID SAID HE KNEW BOTH NEW MINDEF AND FONMIN PERSONALLY
AND THOUGHT HIGHLY OF THEM. PROBELM WAS WOULD THEY BE ABLE ASSERT
SIGNIFICANT MODERATE INFLUENCE. HE CONCLUDED THAT GOS ALSO
WATCHING SITUATION CLOSELY AND WOULD BE GLAD CONTINUE SHARE
ASSESSMENTS AND INFORMATION WITH US AS DEVELOPMENTS OCCUR.
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